

Marlboro Soil and Water Conservation District Newsletter

Conservation District hosts Pee Dee Area Meeting

On Thursday, September 16, 2010, the Marlboro Soil and Water Conservation District hosted the Pee Dee Area meeting of the South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts at Moree's Sportsman's Preserve Lodge. Visitors from across the Pee Dee region enjoyed dinner and fellowship at the lodge along with the venue's spectacular view of the Great Pee Dee River.

Prior to the meeting the district offered attendees two afternoon tours to points of interest in Marlboro County. One tour was a guided tour of Palmetto Brick Company at Wallace. The other was a tour of the historic district of downtown Bennettsville including the Marlboro County Historical Museum, Jennings-Brown House and the new Marian Wright Edelman Public Library. Both tours were well attended and well received.



Following the tours, the eighty-five meeting attendees were welcomed by Marlboro Soil and Water Conservation District chairman Richard Rogers. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner prepared and served by Sandy Ocean BBQ restaurant of Bennettsville.



Rice gave a presentation on his company's rice production along the Great Pee Dee

River in Marlboro and Darlington counties and his "farm gate to dinner plate" vertically integrated agri-business. Mr. Coxé informed the audience that through its internet based marketing Carolina Plantation Rice has packaged and shipped its product to consumers in all fifty states and several other countries including China.

Mike Johnson, manager of Moree's Sportsman's Preserve, shared information about the extensive array of outdoor, wildlife and natural resources related activities available from Moree's in our area.

Following the guest speakers, the area business meeting was held. Mrs. Sterling Sadler of Effingham, SC, president of the South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts presided during the meet-

After the meal, Campbell Coxé of Carolina Plantation

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ing. Others addressing the audience during the business session were: Marc Cribb of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources in Columbia, Doug Deaderick of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Columbia and Frank Stephens, USDA-NRCS District Conservationist for Marlboro County.

At the conclusion of the meeting, attendees were given door prizes and goody bags which were generously donated by individuals and businesses in Marlboro County.

The Pee Dee Area meeting provided an opportunity for the Marlboro Soil and Water Conservation District to showcase some of the great things happening in our county.



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Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP), Grassland Reserve Program (GRP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

There is a continuous signup for FRPP, GRP, and WRP. However, to increase your chances of funding, apply by December 1, 2010.



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*The Marlboro Soil and Water
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Scheduled meeting is the third
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